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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed along with a Petition for a one-month extension of time.